

### SAME SPIRIT OF REBELLION TODAY

“Satan had made it appear that he himself was seeking to promote the good of the universe. The true character of the usurper, and his real object, must be understood by all. He must have time to manifest himself by his wicked works.

The discord which his own course had caused in heaven, Satan charged upon the law and government of God. All evil he declared to be the result of the divine administration. **He claimed that it was his own object to improve upon the statutes of Jehovah.** Therefore it was necessary that he should demonstrate the nature of his claims, and show the working out of **his proposed changes in the divine law.** His own work must condemn him. Satan had claimed from the first that he was not in rebellion. The whole universe must see the deceiver unmasked....

The same spirit that prompted rebellion in heaven still inspires rebellion on earth. Satan has continued with men the same policy which he pursued with the angels. His spirit now reigns in the children of disobedience. Like him they seek to break down the restraints of the law of God and promise men **liberty through transgression of its precepts.**” The Great Controversy, Chapter 29, excerpts (Emphasis Supplied).

## Creator’s Government and His Law under Trial!

“Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come.” Revelation 14:7 (KJV)

- **Charges against the Creator:** His Law of Commandments, Statutes and Judgments cannot be kept. His government is unjust.
- **Accuser:** Lucifer
- **Lawyer:** Christ
- **Judge:** Christ
- **Witnesses:** Righteous from Adam to today
- **Records:** Only the records of those who have accepted Christ and remain faithful till the end are valid.

These records are in the Most Holy Place in the sanctuary and are investigated since October 22, 1844 (Daniel 8:14; 9:24-27) under the Great Day of Atonement.

- **Judgment soon to be Rendered:**

The Creator’s Law is unchangeable and immutable like His character. His government is established on earth as it is in heaven.

Lucifer is proven guilty of rebellion and condemned to eternal death along with the rebellious hosts.

**Are you willing to stand now as a witness and vindicate the Heavenly Father’s Law and help establish His Government on earth as it is in heaven?**

“But the plan of redemption had a yet broader and deeper purpose than the salvation of man. It was not for this alone that Christ came to the earth; it was not merely that the inhabitants of this little world might regard the law of God as it should be regarded; but it was to **vindicate the character of God before the universe....** The act of Christ in dying for the salvation of man would not only make heaven accessible to men, but before all the universe it would justify God and His Son in their dealing with the rebellion of Satan. It would **establish the perpetuity of the law of God** and would reveal the nature and the results of sin.” Patriarchs and Prophets, 68 (Emphasis supplied).

“It was not merely to accomplish the redemption of man that Christ came to the earth to suffer and to die. He came to **“magnify the law” and to “make it honorable.”** The Great Controversy, Chapter 29, excerpts (Emphasis supplied).

### DIVINE GOVERNMENT RESTORED AT LAST

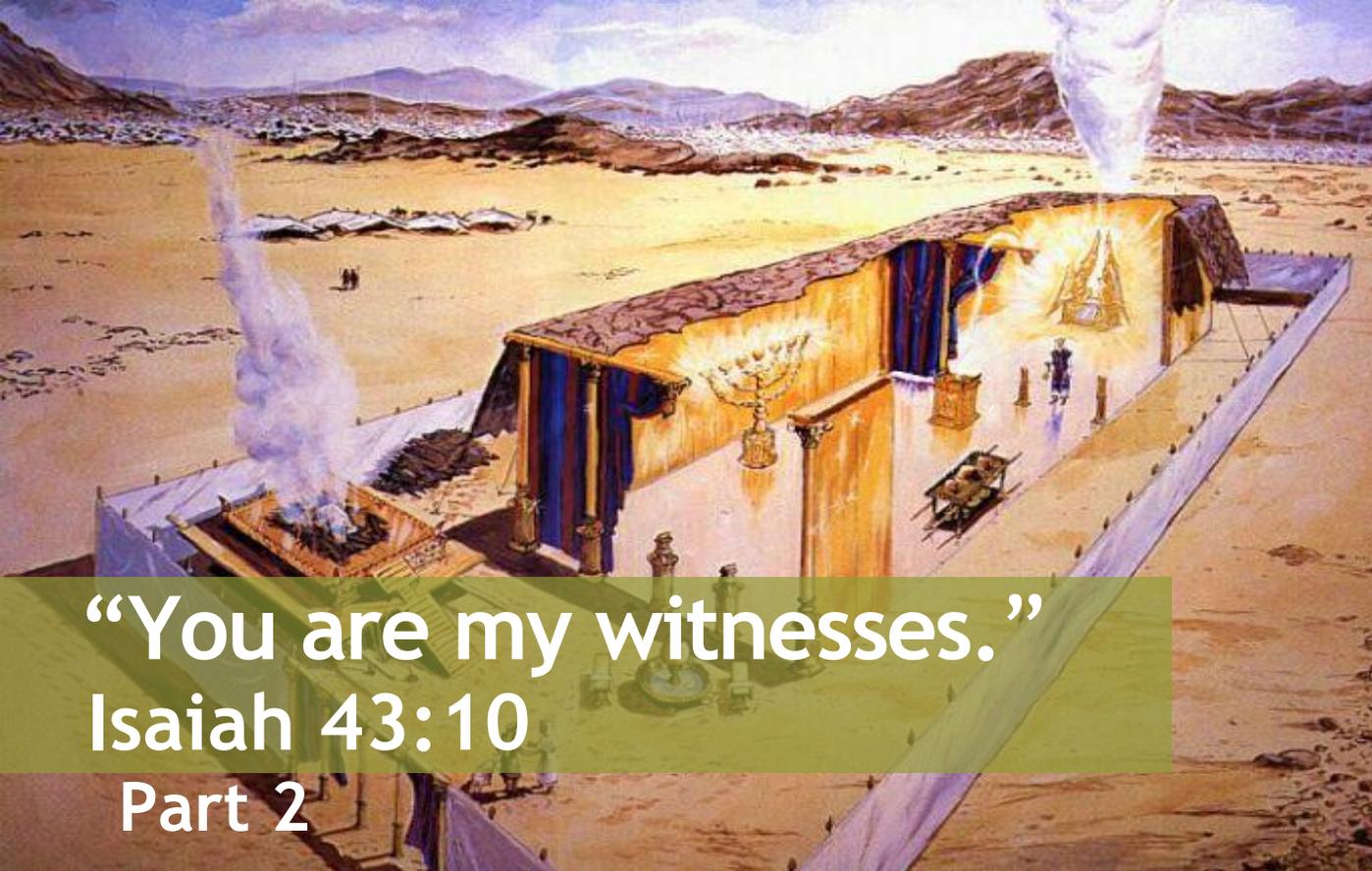
“God had manifested His abhorrence of the principles of rebellion. All heaven saw His justice revealed, both in the condemnation of Satan and in the redemption of man. Lucifer had declared that if the law of God was changeless, and its penalty could not be remitted, every transgressor must be forever debarred from the Creator’s favor. He had claimed that the sinful race were placed beyond redemption and were therefore his rightful prey.

But the death of Christ was an argument in man’s behalf that could not be overthrown. The penalty of the law fell upon Him who was equal with God, and man was free to accept the righteousness of Christ and by a life of penitence and humiliation to triumph, as the Son of God had triumphed, over the power of Satan. Thus God is just and yet the justifier of all who believe in Jesus.

Could its claims have been set aside, then the Son of God need not have yielded up His life to atone for its transgression. The death of Christ proves it **immutable.** And the sacrifice to which **infinite love** impelled the Father and the Son, that sinners might be redeemed, demonstrates to all the universe—what nothing less than this plan of atonement could have sufficed to do—that **justice and mercy** are the **foundation of the law and government of God.**

The law of God, which Satan has reproached as the yoke of bondage, will be honored as **the law of liberty.** A tested and proved creation will never again be turned from allegiance to Him whose character has been fully manifested before them as fathomless love and infinite wisdom. “Affliction shall not rise up the second time.” Nahum 1:9.

The whole universe will have become witnesses to the nature and results of sin. And its utter extermination, which in the beginning would have brought fear to angels and dishonor to God, will now vindicate His love and establish His honor before the universe of beings who delight to do His will, and in whose heart is His law.” The Great Controversy, Chapter 29, excerpts (Emphasis supplied).



“You are my witnesses.”

Isaiah 43:10

Part 2

## LUCIFER'S REBELLION AGAINST THE LAW

“Thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God.”  
“Thou hast said... I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation.... I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.” Ezekiel 28: 6; Isaiah 14:13, 14. Instead of seeking to make God supreme in the affections and allegiance of His creatures, it was Lucifer's endeavor to win their service and homage to himself. And coveting the honor which the infinite Father had bestowed upon His Son, this prince of angels aspired to power which it was the prerogative of Christ alone to wield....

Leaving his place in the immediate presence of God, Lucifer went forth to diffuse the spirit of discontent among the angels. Working with mysterious secrecy, and for a time concealing his real purpose under an appearance of reverence for God, he endeavored to **excite dissatisfaction concerning the laws that governed heavenly beings**, intimating that they imposed an unnecessary restraint.

Since their natures were holy, he urged that the angels should obey the dictates of their own will. He sought to create sympathy for himself by representing that God had dealt unjustly with him in bestowing supreme honor upon Christ. He claimed that in aspiring to greater power and honor he was not aiming at self-exaltation but was seeking to **secure liberty for all the inhabitants of heaven**, that by this means they might attain to a higher state of existence.

God in His great mercy bore long with Lucifer. He was not immediately degraded from his exalted station when he first indulged the spirit of discontent, nor even when he began to present his false claims before the loyal angels. Long was he retained in heaven. Again and again he was offered pardon on condition of repentance and submission.” The Great Controversy, Chapter 29, excerpts (Emphasis supplied).

### REBELLION AGAINST HEAVEN'S GOVERNMENT

“Before the entrance of evil there was peace and joy throughout the universe. All was in perfect harmony with the Creator's will. Love for God was supreme, love for one another impartial. Christ the Word, the Only Begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, and in purpose,—the only being in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. By Christ, the Father wrought in the creation of all heavenly beings. “By Him were all things created, that are in heaven ... whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers” (Colossians 1:16); and to Christ, equally with the Father, all heaven gave allegiance.

The law of love being the foundation of the government of God, the happiness of all created beings depended upon their perfect accord with its great principles of righteousness. God desires from all His creatures the service of love—homage that springs from an intelligent appreciation of His character. He takes no pleasure in a forced allegiance, and to all He grants freedom of will, that they may render Him voluntary service.

But there was one that chose to pervert this freedom. Sin originated with him who, next to Christ, had been most honored of God and who stood highest in power and glory among the inhabitants of heaven. Before his fall, Lucifer was first of the covering cherubs, holy and undefiled.

“Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering....Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.” Ezekiel 28:12-15.

Lucifer might have remained in favor with God, beloved and honored by all the angelic host, exercising his noble powers to bless others and to glorify his Maker. But, says the prophet, “Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness.” Ezekiel 28:17. Little by little, Lucifer came to indulge a desire for self-exaltation.

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